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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today on behalf of my husband and myself in regards to Microsoft. We both support this company whole-heartedly, and we believe this litigation should be ended. During a time when we are facing many pressing national and economic issues, we should not continue to spend precious time and resources concentrating on Microsoft.

In our opinion, the proposed settlement is more than adequate to deal with the issues in this case. Microsoft has pledged to share more information with other companies and be monitored by a technical oversight committee for compliance. Microsoft has also agreed to design future versions of Windows to make it easier to install non-Microsoft software. This settlement is complete and thorough.

We are also concerned about the negative effect the continuation of this litigation will have on the Seattle area economy. As a result of major Boeing lay-offs, Washington State now has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country. Dragging out this issue further will have an even more detrimental effect on the local economy. It is time to end this litigation and focus our energies on more pertinent issues. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

MaryAnn Goeppelle